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# THE VIEW

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## Cuesta Park Playground Voted Best In Valley

The newly renovated playground at Cuesta Park in Mountain View was voted the Best in the Santa Clara Valley by the San Jose Mercury News' Best of 2002 Reader's Survey. The park is located at Cuesta Drive and Grant Road.

Last spring, the City completed renovations to the 30-year old playground. The new playground features two play areas sharing a common site. One area is designed for children between five and twelve years old. The other is

designed for preschool children between two and five years old. The two sites are linked by a sand play area.




The improvements expanded the playground by 3,385 feet and replaced the old equipment with updated play elements. The play site and the equipment comply with new design safety disability accessible guidelines.

For more information about the City's parks, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6326. 

## Election Results

Voters elected 4 members to the Mountain View City Council on November 5. Council incumbent Mike Kasperzak was re-elected to the Council and Matt Neely, Greg Perry and Nick Galiotto were elected for the first time to serve on the Council. Neely and Perry will serve four-year terms. Galiotto will serve a two-year term.

The new members will be sworn in at a special ceremony on January 7, 2003. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 500 Castro Street. The public is invited to attend.

For additional information regarding election results, contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304. 

## City Celebrates the Dedication of Centennial Plaza as Mountain View Turns 100

Mountain View celebrated its 100th birthday on November 7, 2002, with the dedication of Centennial Plaza, as the City commemorated the date on which local voters approved incorporation in 1902. Centennial Plaza is located at Castro Street and Evelyn Avenue.

The event kicked off with musical performances by the Crittenden and Graham Middle School bands. More than 600 engraved legacy bricks were unveiled, and there was a formal dedication ceremony to open the new Plaza.

Activities included a children's tent with Centennial coloring books and a Mountain View Historical Association tent with videotaped remembrances and recollections from some of Mountain View's most senior residents. Participants enjoyed Centennial birthday cake and refreshments, and heard greetings and remarks by local and State officials. A time capsule, which will be opened in 2102, was also presented to the City.

### A Year of Celebration

The Centennial Plaza dedication ceremony concludes the City's year-long Centennial Celebration. During the past year, nearly 15,000 adults and children participated in the City's community-wide Centennial events. These events were developed and presented by the City's 18-community member Centennial Celebration Committee. The Committee worked for 18 months planning the Centennial festivities.

The year began with a New Year's Eve Kick Off Party on December 31, 2001, that included a bell ringing, live music, story-telling and the distribution of special souvenir Centennial bells that were designed for the occasion.

On March 10, 2002, kids, parents and the young-at-heart gathered in Shoreline Park for the Kids, Kites and Cookies event, which featured specially-designed Centennial kites, an exhibition of kites and kite-flying, and a feast of Centennial cookies.



## What's at Centennial Plaza?


Centennial Plaza, located at Castro Street and Evelyn Avenue, includes a new train station building designed in the style of Mountain View's 1888 Southern Pacific train station that once stood at that location.

The train station is surrounded by a formal plaza with sitting areas, trees, an entry arbor, antique-style streetlights and a flag pole. A large, bronze bell commemorating the Centennial is mounted on the ridge beam at the east end of the building.

The train station building will be used as a covered passenger waiting area, and offer an ATM machine and bike lockers.

The opening of Centennial Plaza completes the development of Mountain View's award-winning transit center that serves as an inter-modal transportation link for light rail, train, bus, bicycle and other passengers commuting to and from Mountain View.

For more information about Centennial Plaza, or to rent a bike locker, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

The Centennial Ice Cream Social was the City's third community-wide Centennial event and one of the largest City-sponsored social events in Mountain View history. The old-fashioned gathering in Cuesta Park included live music, dancing, children's games and lots of ice cream. 



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#### CITY MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



## Stevens Creek Trail Segment Dedication

Mountain View celebrated the latest addition to the Stevens Creek Trail on October 12 with the dedication of Reach 4, Segment 1 of the Trail. Festivities included a ribbon cutting, entertainment and refreshments.

The ribbon cutting was followed by a walk along the new half-mile segment of the Trail, which stretches from Landels School to Yuba Drive. The segment includes two undercrossings at Highway 85 and a 350-ft pedestrian and bicycle overpass spanning Highway 237.

The addition of Reach 4, Segment 1 allows trail users to travel from Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park along San Francisco Bay to the El Camino Real area. The Trail currently connects many of the City's park, recreation and open space facilities.

Stevens Creek Trail is part of a larger network of Bay Area trails. In Mountain View, the Stevens Creek Trail is used by more than 1,000 people each day for recreation and commuting.

Reach 4, Segment 2 of the Trail, a 1.7-mile section that would run from Yuba Drive to Mountain View High School, is currently under study by the City.

For more information on the Stevens Creek Trail, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

## El Camino Landscape Improvements Completed

The City has completed work on a three-year project to improve the landscaping along El Camino Real from Crestview Drive to San Antonio Road. The improvements were part of a plan by the City Council to enhance the aesthetic quality of this important City thoroughfare.

The project replaced the aging irrigation system and all of the plantings, except trees, in the median along the street. The new shrubs and groundcover require lower maintenance and are more drought-resistant.

The project also included improvements to the median to help protect it from vehicle damage.

For more information about the El Camino Real landscaping project, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.



## Link Up to Millions of Books

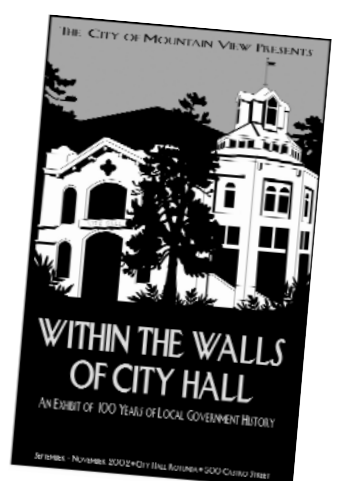
This fall, the Mountain View Public Library began offering a new service that gives Library customers access to millions of books throughout California at no charge. The new Link + program allows local library users to access the collection catalogues of more than 20 public and academic libraries across the State, place a request for a book, and have it delivered to the Mountain View Library within three or four days.

Since initiating the program, Mountain View residents have ordered hundreds of previously unavailable or inaccessible books from other California libraries. Some of the Link + libraries include Santa Clara University, California State University at San Jose, California State Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo, the University of San Francisco, and public libraries throughout the Bay Area.

You can access the new Link+ system by using your home computer and logging onto the Mountain View Library catalogue at [library.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://library.ci.mtnview.ca.us) and clicking on the Link+ button in the upper right hand corner of the page. Or, you can visit the Mountain View Library at 585 Franklin Street and use a library computer.

For more information about the Link+ system and how to access it, call the Library at (650) 903-6337.

**Within the Walls of City Hall**, an exhibit exploring the growth and change of local City government over the last 100 years, continues through the middle January in Mountain View City Hall, 500 Castro Street. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.





# Human Relations Commision Seeks Community Input


The City of Mountain View Human Relations Commission is currently conducting a community needs assessment as a way to gain a better understanding of the community's human relations needs and concerns. The assessment process will continue through December 15, 2002.

The Commission will use the information collected during the assessment to identify work plan priorities, to better focus its efforts as an advisory board to the City Council and to assist it in its role as a liaison between City government and the community to promote the involvement, participation and inclusion of all Mountain View residents in community affairs.

Mountain View community members can participate in the community needs assessment by:

- Attending a community meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2002, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Boulevard.
- Completing an assessment survey form on-line at [www.humanstories.us](http://www.humanstories.us).
- Completing an assessment survey form available at:
  - City Hall Central Reception, 500 Castro Street, First Floor
  - Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street
  - Community Center Lobby, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
  - Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue
  - Police/Fire Administration Building, 1000 Villa Street
  - Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos, 204 Stierlin Road

Assessment survey form information will be kept confidential.

For more information about the Mountain View Human Relations Commission or the community needs assessment project, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301. 

## New Drinking Water Disinfectant for Mountain View Customers

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) will convert its drinking water disinfectant from chlorine to chloramine in late fall 2003. The purpose of the conversion is to meet stricter regulations and ensure high quality drinking water for water customers. The conversion will involve most water users in Mountain View.

If you reside or work in the area bounded by Cuesta Drive to the south and extending north, east and west to City boundaries, your water will be disinfected by chloramine after the SFPUC conversion. Most areas to the south of Cuesta Drive are served by the Santa Clara Valley Water District, which already supplies chloraminated water. A small percentage of City customers are served by the California Water Service Company, which also provides chloraminated water.

Disinfectants are used in drinking water to prevent the spread of germs and disease. Chloramine is a chemical compound composed of chlorine and ammonia and is considered a better choice than chlorine alone.

Chloramine will lower the level of disinfectant by-products and meet new, more stringent State and Federal drinking water regulations. Most customers will not notice the change.

Although people and animals can safely drink chloraminated water, water for special uses such as kidney dialysis patients, pond water for fish and amphibian pets, and water used by some business and industry customers must have chloramine removed or neutralized. The City is preparing fact sheets regarding these special issues and will distribute and post them when they are available.

More information about preparing for chloramine conversion is available by calling the Mountain View conversion information line at (650) 903-6543.

You may also access more information on-line at [www.bettersfwater.org](http://www.bettersfwater.org) and [www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us).



### Here are answers to several frequently asked questions regarding chloramine:

#### Is chloraminated water safe?


Chloraminated water is safe for drinking, bathing, cooking, doing laundry, watering the garden, and most other uses. With the exception of kidney dialysis patients, aquarium owners and certain businesses, there will be no difference in how water can be used for most customers.

#### What types of businesses and industries need to plan for the conversion?

Businesses and industries that need to prepare for the conversion include, but are not limited to, the following: pharmaceutical laboratories, microchip manufacturers, biotech companies, breweries, photographic labs, hardware stores, plumbing supply distributors, and swimming pool maintenance/supply distributors and companies.

#### What can industries do to prepare for the conversion to chloramine?

If your business or industry uses water in any treatment process, or for food or beverage preparation, you will want to assess your current method for removing chlorine and determine if an upgrade will be needed for removing chloramine. Mountain View recommends contacting a water treatment professional or your current filtration supplier, who can help explain the specific upgrades you may need.

For more information, visit [www.better.sfwater.org](http://www.better.sfwater.org). 



The View's Ask City Hall column presents some of the questions most frequently asked at the City's Central Reception Desk. If you have a questions regarding City services, programs or about the City in general, contact the City by:

- **Telephone:** (650) 903-6300
- **Fax:** (650) 903-6039
- **E-mail:** [city.clerk@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:city.clerk@ci.mtnview.ca.us)
- **Internet:** [www.ci.mntview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mntview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)
- **Post:** P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

**Question:** Will the City collect and recycle my holiday tree so that it doesn't waste landfill space?

**Answer:** Yes, the City collects and recycles holiday trees. More information about holiday tree recycling is available in *The Resource*, the City's quarterly recycling, reuse and waste prevention newsletter included in this issue of *The View*.

**Question:** I'm having a problem with my former landlord about cleaning and damage charges that were deducted from my security deposit. I think too much money was deducted. Where can I go for help?

**Answer:** The City of Mountain View offers mediation/dispute resolution services through Project Sentinel for a wide variety of issues, including tenant/landlord disputes. The mediation process is informal and confidential. There is no charge for using the service. Contact Mountain View Mediation Services at (650) 960-0495.

## CITY WINS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD

For the third straight year, the City of Mountain View has received a statewide award for achievement in information technology. The award is presented by the Municipal Information Systems Association of California.

To be eligible for the award, the City's Information Technology section was reviewed in ten areas, including budget, purchasing, customer satisfaction, the internet, disaster preparation and security.

Only eight California Cities received the Award this year. Mountain View is only one of three cities in the State to receive the award three years in a row.

For more information, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316.

# Weathering Winter Storms

The City recommends that you take the following precautions in the event of heavy storms and flooding during the winter rainy season:

**Obtain necessary sandbags.** The City will make sand and sandbags available at no charge to any Mountain View resident beginning with the first storm of the season but no later than November 1 at the Municipal Operations Center, 231 North Whisman Road. Residents should bring a shovel with them to fill the sandbags.

**Report flooding or standing water.** Contact the Public Services Division, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at (650) 903-6329. After hours and on weekends, call the Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

**Report downed trees or limbs.** Contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at (650) 903-6273. After hours and on weekends, call the Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

**Do not touch downed power lines.** Assume all downed power lines are dangerous and call both 911 and PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 immediately. Also, tune to your local radio station for power outage updates.

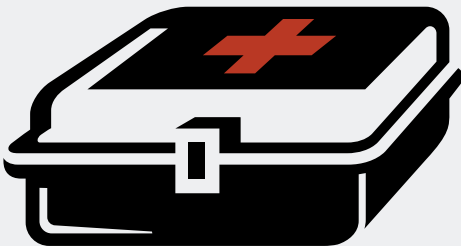
For answers to your questions regarding weather precautions and damage, call the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

# Power Emergency Safety Tips

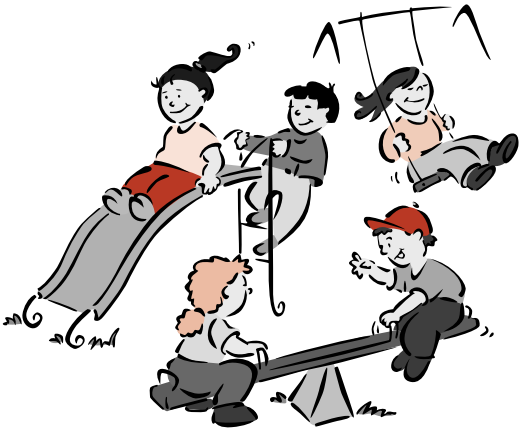
Prepare for power outages and other emergencies with these important safety tips:

- Keep an emergency kit on hand with a battery-powered radio, electric lantern, flashlights, fresh batteries and first aid kit.
- Stock a supply of easy open, prepared food, a can opener, bottled water, pet food and medication.
- Freeze water in plastic bottles to use in your refrigerator during power outages.
- Be sure to have a telephone that does not require electricity available for use.
- If you use an electric generator, be sure it is installed properly, then call PG&E to let them know you have one. Improperly installed generators put property and the lives of utility workers in the area at risk.

For more information, call 1-800-PGE-5000.



# Playground Improvements Underway



Mountain View has developed a multi-year plan to renovate many of the playgrounds in City parks. Two contractors, specializing in playground design and play equipment, have been hired to provide plans for the improvements.

The playgrounds at Cooper, Monta Loma, Sylvan and Varsity Parks will be renovated first. Last spring, City staff held neighborhood meetings with local residents and interested community members to review proposed designs and offer ideas and suggestions. After extensive discussion, each neighborhood group reached a consensus on the design for its playground.

Construction work on the parks is expected to begin in February 2003. The work on all four parks should be completed by summer 2003.

The next parks scheduled to be reviewed for renovation are Rex Manor and San Veron Park.

For more information about the park playground renovation project, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.

# Flood Protection Information

As the winter rainy season approaches, the City of Mountain View cautions residents and businesses to be aware of flood hazards and suggests possible actions that may be taken to protect persons and property.

Twelve percent of the city is located within special flood hazard areas. Flooding in these areas is caused by tidal flooding from the Bay and flooding from Permanente Creek. Although most properties located within special flood hazard areas were unaffected by recent storms, it is prudent to be prepared in the event of a more severe storm.

**Flood Safety.** There are several actions residents of flood hazard areas can take to decrease the potential of injury due to flooding.

- Do not walk through flowing waters.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Have your electricity turned off by the power company. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Look before you step. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

**Flood Insurance.** Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, the City of Mountain View is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it possible for property owners to obtain federally-backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building or its contents). Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss. The City also participates in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Based on activities implemented by the City to reduce risk from flooding, and which exceed the minimum standards of the National Flood Insurance Program, the community qualifies for a 10 percent discount for National Flood Insurance policies issued or renewed. The actual cost of insurance will vary depending upon the amount of coverage and degree of flood hazard. This insurance is required in certain instances, such as the purchase of a home with a federally-backed mortgage. Individuals should contact their insurance companies for flood insurance costs.

**Property Protection Measures.** There are various actions that can be taken to floodproof structures. Electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers should be elevated or relocated to a location less likely to be flooded. Basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed, and interior floodwalls can be placed around utilities. If flooding is likely, and time permits, move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. This action will help minimize the amount of damage caused by floodwaters.

**Flood Map Information.** The City will provide the public, lending institutions, real estate agents and insurance agents with the flood map information indicated below upon request. Call (650) 903-6311 during normal business hours or visit the Public Works Department at City Hall for the following information.

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site such as the Flood Insurance Rate Map zone, base flood elevation or depth.
- A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirements.






# Renew Your Library Books Via Phone 24/7

The Mountain View Public Library's new automated book renewal system now lets you renew library books over the telephone twenty-four-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. You can dial (650) 940-1015 at anytime using a touch-tone phone and renew any books you have checked out by following the easy, recorded instructions.

All you need to renew your books is your library card and the barcode number for each item you are renewing. Renewed books will be due four weeks from the date you make the call to renew.

The new telephone service can also provide you with the titles of items you've already checked out, titles you have on hold and any outstanding charges you may have.

Most library materials are renewable using the new system unless you have an outstanding Library fine or the item is on hold for another patron, is a video or DVD, has been renewed twice, or is overdue.

You can renew an overdue item by accessing the Library's webpage at [library.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://library.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or by calling the Library during open hours at (650) 903-6884. 

## Plant a Tree for Arbor Day


The City of Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on March 15, 2003 in Pioneer Park with a variety of events, including tree planting. The City also plans to make approximately 125 new trees available to individual residents this year for planting on their property.

The planting event is part of the City's forestry restoration efforts and the celebration of the State of California's Arbor Day.

Residents who wish to participate in the tree planting must fill out and submit the request form included in this issue of *The View* by 5:00 p.m. on January 17, 2003, and agree to plant and maintain the tree on their property. If the number of requests for trees exceeds the number of trees available, names will be drawn at random. The City will deliver the tree of choice to eligible residents on March 8, 2003.

Residents may choose from five varieties of trees.

- The **Red Maple** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, steady watering and will grow to 50 feet with leaves that range from yellow to red in the fall.
- The **Krauter Plum** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, grows to 20 feet and blooms with light pink flowers.
- The **Brisbane Box** is an evergreen tree with inconspicuous flowers that can tolerate some shade, has low watering requirements and grows up to 60 feet high.
- The **Coast Live Oak** is an evergreen that requires full sun, little watering, grows to 50 feet and is a California native.
- The **Chinese Pistache** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, grows to 60 feet with leaves that turn red, yellow and orange in the fall.

For more information about Arbor Day activities, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. 



## E-Mail Provides Direct Link to City Departments

Have a question? Need help in finding a solution to a problem? Now you can contact City departments directly via the Internet.

Contact City staff or departments at the electronic mail (e-mail) addresses listed below:

- City Attorney:**  
[city.attorney@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:city.attorney@ci.mtnview.ca.us)
- City Clerk:**  
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- Community Development Department:**  
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- Performing Arts Division:**  
[performing.arts@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:performing.arts@ci.mtnview.ca.us)
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[police@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:police@ci.mtnview.ca.us)
- Public Services Division:**  
[public.services@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:public.services@ci.mtnview.ca.us)
- Public Works Department:**  
[public.works@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:public.works@ci.mtnview.ca.us)

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**[www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us)** or **[www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)**

## City Hall Fax Numbers

- City Attorney's Office..... (650) 967-4215
- City Clerk's Office..... (650) 903-6039
- City Manager's Office..... (650) 962-0384
- Community Development ..... (650) 903-6474 Department
- Community Services Dept. .... (650) 962-1069
- Performing Arts Division ..... (650) 903-6560
- Recreation Division..... (650) 962-1069
- Shoreline Division ..... (650) 903-6099
- Employee Services Dept. .... (650) 903-6054
- Finance and Administrative ... (650) 969-1629 Services Department
- Fire Department ..... (650) 903-6122
- Library Services Department.. (650) 962-0438
- Police Department ..... (650) 903-6122
- Public Works Department..... (650) 903-6499
- Public Services Division..... (650) 962-8079



### APPLICATION FOR ARBOR DAY 2003 TREES

NAME

ADDRESS

DAYTIME PHONE

TREE PLANTING ADDRESS

TYPE OF TREE REQUESTED (REFER TO LIST)

PLANTING LOCATION OF ARBOR DAY TREE (examples: southwest corner of backyard, center of front lawn)

The undersigned agrees to: (1) accept the tree requested above, (2) plant the tree as indicated on application, (3) maintain the tree at own expense (tree planting/care information will be supplied).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY MAIL BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2003.**

Send to: City of Mountain View, Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039-7540


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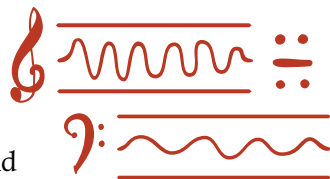
Construction Underway on Community School of Music and Arts

Construction is underway on a new building for the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA). The new facility will be built on City-owned land in the San Antonio Loop area, located near the intersection of San Antonio Road and California Street.

The City has entered into a 55-year lease agreement with CSMA and will receive lease revenue for use of the property. The new building will house a recital hall, individual music practice rooms, classrooms for dance, music and arts, and office space. An auditorium is also planned, but only the exterior shell will be built at this time. Work on the project is expected to take approximately 14 months.

CSMA offers music lessons and classes, after school visual arts classes. and summer camps for students. It also provides concerts, exhibits and community outreach events. 

For more information about CSMA, call (650) 961-0342.



QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS?

# Mountain View Citygram

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you'd like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager's Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager's Office, Post Office Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

NAME

DATE

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

DAYTIME PHONE

I would like a reply:

☐ by telephone

☐ by mail

☐ no reply necessary

For City Staff use:

# Volunteer News

## Connecting with the Community

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. The Volunteer Services Program is committed to citizen participation by matching people with volunteer opportunities. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607.



**Deer Hollow Farm**—Docents—Teaching docents are needed to help school-age children learn about farm life, wilderness, and original American settlers and customs. Docents are also needed to work in the garden, do maintenance, care for livestock and help on weekends. Training is provided. For more information and to reserve your space for training, call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430.

**Police Department**—H.A.P.P. Team—The Police Department's Handicapped Area Parking Patrol (H.A.P.P.) Team needs volunteers. Help educate the public about handicapped parking regulations and help enforce the regulations. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. A training course is provided. Team members work in pairs. For more information, call Community Service Officer Jim Bennett at (650) 903-6357.

**Police Department**—Home Security Inspectors—Volunteers will be trained in home security and provide inspections for Mountain View residences. For more information, call Community Service Officer Jim Bennett at (650) 903-6357.

**Fire Department**—CERT Trainers—Assist with coordinating and conducting Community Emergency Response Team training. Also, volunteers are needed to organize public information material and create new display boards. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

**Community Outreach Program**—Volunteers who are bilingual in English and Russian, Spanish, or Chinese are needed to assist staff with distributing information about City services to our community at various fairs and events. Flexible days and hours, mostly on weekends. Training is provided. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

*These are just a few ways that you can get involved. If you have an idea or special skill or talent to offer, call the Volunteer Program. Contact Coordinator of Volunteer Services Rae Blasquez today at (650) 903-6607.*



**Center for the Performing Arts**—Art Docents—Volunteers are needed to host the public art work on display in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call (650) 903-6568.

**Shoreline**—Gatehouse and Patrol Rangers—Volunteer Rangers are needed to greet visitors and provide visitor information at Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park. All volunteers are provided with training and a uniform. Volunteers must be 18 or older and be willing to work at least three hours each week. For more information, call Ginny Kaminski at (650) 903-6073.

**Shoreline**—Garden and Rengstorff House Docents—Volunteer docents are needed at Rengstorff House to provide information on Mountain View's oldest house and help visitors experience life in the 1860s. House docents will be trained to lead tours, greet guests and provide general information. Garden docents will help with the flower gardens surrounding the house. For more information, call Ginny Kaminski at (650) 903-6073.

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

**Center for the Performing Arts**—Ushers—Assist patrons at Center events. The next usher training will be Monday, March 3 and March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Center. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, call Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or email: [jennifer.stokely@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:jennifer.stokely@ci.mtnview.ca.us)



**Spring Downtown Parade**—Volunteers are needed to help with the 25th Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 26. Help with set-up, decorations, face painting, and game booths or work as a block monitor. For more information, call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.



# Calendar of Events



## December

- 4

Environmental Planning Commission,  
7:00 p.m., CC
- 5

Human Relations Commission,  
Monthly Business Meeting  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Community Needs Assessment Meeting  
7:30-9:00 p.m.  
Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd.
- 10

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 11

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR  
  
Parks and Recreation Commission,  
7:00 p.m., Library Community Room,  
585 Franklin Street
- 12

Downtown Committee joint meeting  
with Environmental Planning Commission  
8:00 a.m., PCR
- 13

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in San Jose.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 14

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in San Jose.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16

Library Board, 7:30 p.m.,  
Library Community Room,  
585 Franklin Street
- 18

Environmental Planning Commission,  
7:00 p.m., CC
- 21

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in Sunnyvale.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 24

Christmas Holiday. City offices closed.
- 25

Christmas Holiday. City offices closed.

- 18

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in Sunnyvale.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. City offices  
closed.
- 24

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in San Jose.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 25

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in San Jose.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 29

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,  
6:30 p.m., PCR

## February

- 4

Downtown Committee  
8:00 a.m., PCR
- 5

Environmental Planning Commission,  
7:00 p.m., CC
- 6

Human Relations Commission,  
7:00 p.m., PCR
- 11

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC (tentative)
- 12

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR  
  
Performing Arts Advisory Committee,  
7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the  
Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street  
  
Parks and Recreation Commission,  
7:00 p.m., Community Center,  
201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- 17

Presidents' Day. City offices closed.
- 19

Environmental Planning Commission,  
7:00 p.m., CC
- 21

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in San Jose.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 22

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in San Jose.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 24

Library Board, 7:30 p.m. (tentative)  
Library Community Room,  
585 Franklin Street
- 25

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC (tentative)
- 26

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,  
6:30 p.m., PCR  
  
Cc – Council Chambers, City Hall  
Pcr – Plaza Conference Room, City Hall  
Acr – Atrium Conference Room, City Hall

## January

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New Year's Holiday, City offices closed.
- 7

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC  
Swearing-in of new members
- 8

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR  
  
Parks and Recreation Commission,  
7:00 p.m., Library Community Room,  
585 Franklin Street
- 9

Human Relations Commission,  
6:30 p.m., PCR
- 10

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in San Jose.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11

Household Hazardous Waste  
Drop-off in San Jose.  
Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 13

Library Board, (tentative)  
7:30 p.m.,  
Library Community Room  
585 Franklin Street
- 14

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 15

Environmental Planning Commission,  
7:00 p.m., CC
- 17

Deadline for Arbor Day Tree Applications.  
See page 4 for details.


All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

## Holiday Food and Toy Drive

Foothill Disposal drivers will be collecting food, toy and other donations for the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos to benefit families in need this holiday season. Please set out non-perishable food items (no glass bottles/jars), new toys, items for teenagers, and new or gently used coats for children at the curbside on your garbage or recycling day. Mark your donations “Spirit of Sharing.” **Donations will be accepted until Friday, December 6.** Larger donations/bicycles can be dropped off at the Foothill Disposal Recycling Center, 935 Terra Bella Avenue, east of North Shoreline Boulevard near Highway 101. Call (650) 967-3034 for more information. 

## Visit the Historic Rengstorff House for the Holiday Season

Mountain View's historic Rengstorff House will be decked out for the holiday season in traditional Victorian style. You can experience part of the City's past and share in the festive setting each Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as part of a free public tour. The Italianate-style home, built by Henry Rengstorff, has been restored by the City and is located in Shoreline at Mountain View Park, 3070 North Shoreline Boulevard.

For more information about tours, call (650) 903-6073 or visit [www.r-house.org](http://www.r-house.org) on-line. 

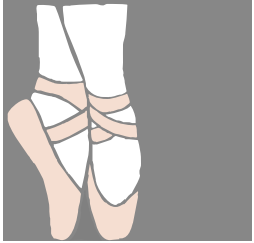
## Children's Holiday Events at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

The holiday season is filled with theater and dance events for children of all ages at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. For more information and tickets to these and other events, call (650) 903-6000 or visit [www.mvcpa.com](http://www.mvcpa.com).

Smuin Ballets/SF presents  
**The Christmas Ballet 2002**  
November 29-December 1

Pacific Theatre Ballet  
presents  
**The Nutcracker**  
December 6-8

*The Nutcracker Ballet*



Western Ballet presents  
**The Nutcracker**  
December 13-15

Western Ballet presents  
**Kingdom of Sweets Tea Party**  
December 14

Peninsula Youth Theatre presents  
Stories on Stage  
**My Father's Dragon**  
December 20 & 21